

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

### From the Editor-in-Chief:

The *International Conference on Information Systems* (ICIS) is virtually upon us. What a year it has been! As we met in Munich, Germany, twelve months ago, there was but a feeble inkling of the challenge that would hit the world. The COVID-19 pandemic struck us with a strength that few experts had predicted and caught us all unprepared to meet it. While there is promise of vaccines on the horizon, the aftereffects of the crisis will be with us for a long time to come. As recently articulated in a guest editorial, with the challenge comes the opportunity for Information Systems scholars to contribute with practice-oriented research that pushes forward novel solutions and ideas. Around this time, in conjunction with the *MIS Quarterly Executive* editorial board meeting, we decide the theme for the 2022 special issue. Keeping with the call for research spurred by the pandemic crisis, the issue will focus on "Crisis-Driven Digital Transformation." The issue features a slate of great Guest Senior Editors lead by MISQE Senior Editor Hope Kock. Stay tuned for the call for papers.

ICIS is also the time to hold the *MISQ Executive* pre-ICIS workshop, in preparation of the December 2021 special issue. This year's topic is "Strategies for Surviving and Thriving Within and Between Digital Platforms," lead by Kalle Lyytinen and Varun Grover. There was strong interest in the workshop, with a total of 26 submissions, of which 11 were invited for presentation and discussion at the workshop.

A special issue is being currently planned, one is in full swing, and a third one is now finalized. This issue is devoted to the papers selected for the innovative joint special issue between the *Journal of the AIS* and *MISQE* on "Artificial Intelligence in Organizations: Opportunities for Management and Implications for IS Research." My heartfelt thanks go out to the editors of the two joint special issues: Hind Benbya, Sirkka Jarvenpaa, Stella Pachidi, and Tom Davenport. I defer to the MISQE guest editors' own editorial to introduce the papers. I urge you to read the

editorial as well, where Hind, Tom and Stella leverage their substantial knowledge to provide a valuable introduction covering the current state of the art and future opportunities in this thriving research area.

Finally, and most importantly, let me thank Akshat Lakhiwal. He is a doctoral candidate at Indiana University and has just completed his two-year appointment as the managing editor of MISQE. Many of you know Akshat. He helped countless authors and editors during a particularly busy time when we transitioned into the stable of AIS journals. Most of all, Akshat has supported me with efficiency, precision, and grace while I myself learned the intricacies of running a journal. Let us bid best of luck to Akshat, whom I am sure will soon become a great scholar and a solid member of our community. Let us also welcome Joaquin Rodriguez, a doctoral candidate at Louisiana State University, who has taken over the managing editor position. I have no doubt that Jo will continue to uphold the tradition of skilled, service oriented MISQE MEs.

### In this Issue

In addition to the special issue papers, we are also publishing a preview of the annual SIM IT Trends Study results. Prepared by Leon Kappelman, Russell Torres, Ephraim McLean, Katia Guerra, Vess Johnson, Chris Mauer, Kevin Kim, and Mark Snyder, the preview provides a succinct overview of what to expect in the full results that will be published in the March 2021 issue.

Read on!

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